GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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INTERSTATE WATER TRANSPORT IN BIHAR
Baitha Shri Kailash

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a sum of Rs.30 lakhs was sanctioned by the Government during the year 2003-04 for collecting Hydromorphological data and to prepare a DPR for developing Interstate Water Transport facilities in Gandak river in Bihar;

(b) if so, whether the funds have been fully utilised;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of proposed route for this project; and

(e) the benefits likely to accrue after finalisation of this project?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b) & (c): At the time of sanction of this project, an amount of Rs.5.00 lakhs had been released in March, 2004 to the State Government of Bihar. However, no fund has been utilized by the State Government till December, 2006. The State Government is in the process of finalizing the tender for appointment of Consultant for preparation of Detail Project Report.

(d) & (e): The proposal is for collection of hydro morphological data and preparation of Detailed Project Report

(DPR) of river Gandak in Bihar. However, Specific route and the benefits likely to accrue will be known only after the Detailed Project Report is prepared by the State Government.